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FM AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

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INFO AMEMBASSY MADRID

C O N F I D E N T I A L TRIPOLI 0909

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC (THOMAS, WILLIAM)

SUBJECT: W/W: AMCIT MISSING IN LIBYA

1. SUBJECT, A BUSINESSMAN BASED IN MADRID, ARRIVED IN LIBYA JULY 29, REPORTEDLY TO PRESENT BID ON CONTRACT FOR SALE OF UNIFORMS TO LIBYAN MILITARY. ACCORDING TO HIS CONTACTS HERE, HE EXPECTED TO STAY FOR ONLY A FEW DAYS. SINCE THEN HE HAS NOT BEEN HEARD FROM

2. ON AUGUST 13 WE GAVE DIRECTOR OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS AT MFA FACTS OF CASE AND ASKED HIM TO MAKE INQUIREIES. HE PROMISED TO DO SO.

3. FOR MADRID: PLEASE CONTACT MS ELIZABETH POWERS, MADRID TELEPHONE 2046240 (OFFICE) AND 7347319 (HOME) AND INFORM HER THAT EMBASSY HAS CONTACTED LIBYAN GOVT ABOUT CASE. SHE HAS TELEPHONED US TWICE DURING LAST WEEK TO ASK ABOUT THOMAS. WE HAVE NOT BEEN IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH SUBJECT'S WIFE, WHO LIVES OUTSIDE MADRID, TELEPHONE 4192873 AFTER 2000 HOURS. ASSMUE MS POWERS CAN PASS MESSAGE TO HER.

4. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: FYI: ONE CONCERN WE HAVE IS THAT THOMAS MAY HAVE BEEN DETAINED BY LIBYAN AUTHORITIES. HIS CONNECTIONS WITH LIBYAN MILITARY DATE TO PRE-REVOLUTIONARY DAYS, WHEN HE APPARENTLY WORKED AS LIAISON OFFICER BETWEEN
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WHEELUS AIR BASE AND LIBYAN AUTHORITIES, AND IT IS POSSIBLE

THAT THIS AROUSED LIBYAN SUSPICIOUS OF HIM. END CONFIDENTIAL.
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